



STATE OF IDAHO

DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND OPPORTUNITY
FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR A DRAFT
TIER I PERMIT TO OPERATE AN AIR POLLUTION-EMITTING FACILITY**

SUBJECT: Application No.T-060011 for a Tier I operating permit renewal for an air pollution-emitting facility and proposed action: TransCanada GTN System, Eastport, has applied to renew their Tier I operating permit and to incorporate Permit to Construct No. P-000109 which will consolidate all existing air permits, and state, and federal air quality requirements that apply to TransCanada GTN Systems, Eastport into one document. Their general nature of business is the operation of a network of compressor stations that transmit natural gas along an underground pipeline system.

Under a Tier I permit, no facility can increase emissions above those allowed in any current permit, consent order, or other enforceable document.

PURPOSE: The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has scheduled a period to receive public comments under Docket No. 10AP-0628 concerning the air quality aspects of the project application and the proposed action.

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 58.01.01.364, Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho, notice is hereby given that TransCanada GTN System, Eastport, Idaho, has applied to the DEQ for a renewal of their Tier I permit to operate an air pollution-emitting facility located on highway 95, approximately 2.2 miles south of Eastport, Idaho. Notice is also given that a period for public comment has been scheduled along with an opportunity to request a public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING OPPORTUNITY: Pursuant to Section 58.01.01.364, opportunity for a public hearing for interested persons to appear and submit written or oral comments may be provided if written requests are submitted to the undersigned on or before January 2, 2007. Hearing requests should include a brief statement explaining why a public hearing on the air quality aspects of the project would be beneficial.

The selected meeting site will be accessible to the physically disabled. Interpreters can be provided upon five days notice for persons with hearing impairments. For arrangements, contact the undersigned at (208) 373-0234. Braille or taped transcripts can be provided after the meeting for persons with visual impairments.

PROPOSED ACTION: The DEQ has reviewed the application and completed a draft Tier I operating permit based on the information submitted by the applicant.

Based on this analysis, the DEQ proposes to issue a draft Tier I operating permit renewal to TransCanada GTN System, Eastport. Following the public comment period (and public hearing if requested), the DEQ will evaluate comments received and develop a proposed permit. The proposed permit will be submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a 45-day review period.

The Tier I operating permit will either be issued to the facility or redrafted if the EPA provides substantive comments that would result in an EPA veto of the proposed permit.

AVAILABILITY OF MATERIALS: A package containing the information submitted by the applicant, DEQ's analysis, and the draft action will be available for public review at the following locations:

DEQ State Office
1410 N. Hilton
Boise, Idaho

DEQ Regional Office
2110 Ironwood Parkway
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Boundary County Library
6370 Kootenai Street
Bonners Ferry, Idaho

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS, ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS:

Anyone may submit written comment regarding the project and proposed action. To be most effective, comments should address air quality considerations and include support materials where available. Comments, requests, and questions regarding the public comment process should be directed to Joan Lechtenberg, Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706-1255, jlechten@deq.idaho.gov, or (208) 373-0234. Please reference the company name and docket number when sending comments or requesting information.

For technical assistance on questions concerning this project or the permitting process, please contact Bill Rogers at (208) 373-0502 or william.rogers@deq.idaho.gov.

All written comment and data concerning this proposal must be directed to and received by the undersigned on or before 5:00 p.m. MST, January 15, 2007.

DATED this 14th day of December 2006.

Joan Lechtenberg
Air Quality Division